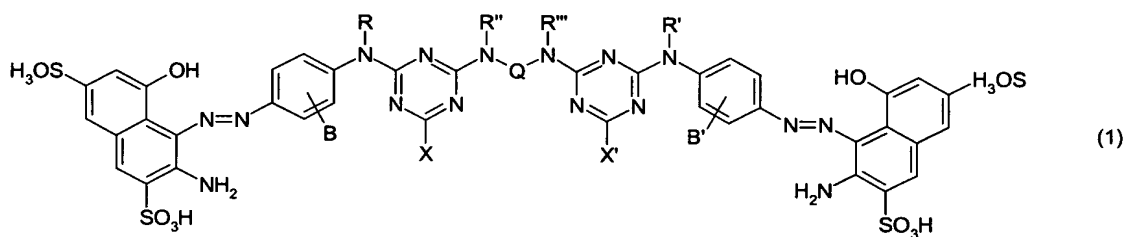


Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A compound of Formula (1) ~~and salts~~ or a salt thereof:

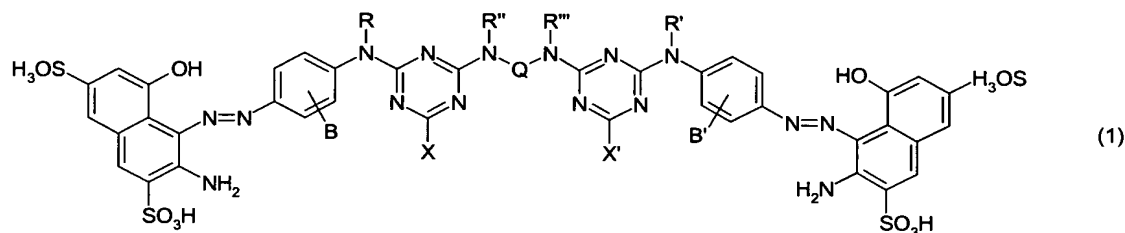


wherein:

- B and B' are each independently -SO₃H, -COOH, substituted alkoxy, substituted alkyl, un-substituted alkoxy, un-substituted alkyl, or -PO₃H₂;
- Q is an organic aliphatic linking group, which is either a un-substituted or substituted alkyl group which is not interrupted by any hetero atom or a un-substituted or substituted alkyl ether group comprising one oxygen atom or is a un-substituted or substituted alkyl polyamine group comprising one or two or more nitrogen atoms;
- R, R', R'' and R''' are each independently H or ~~un-substituted~~ unsubstituted or substituted alkyl;
- X and X' are each independently a labile atom or group[[:]].

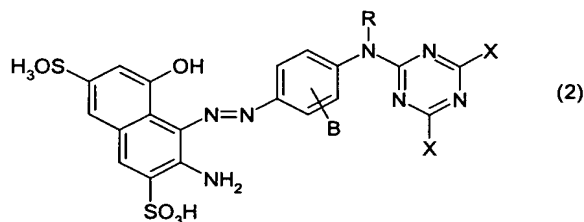
2. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the organic aliphatic linking group Q is an alkylene, preferably C₂₋₂₀-alkylene, or C₂₋₂₀-alkylenylene.
3. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 2 ~~characterized in that~~ he wherein the organic aliphatic linking group Q is an unsubstituted C₄₋₈-alkylene groups or substituted C₁₋₄-alkylene group[[s]].

4. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~[[any]]~~ claim 1 ~~to 3~~ characterized in that wherein X and X' or X or X' both are F or Cl.
5. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~[[any]]~~ claim 1 ~~to 4~~ characterized in that ~~B or B'~~ both wherein B and B' are ortho to the diazo bridge and ~~signify~~ are -SO₃H.
6. (currently amended) A process for the production of ~~the compounds a~~ compound of formula (1) according to claim 1

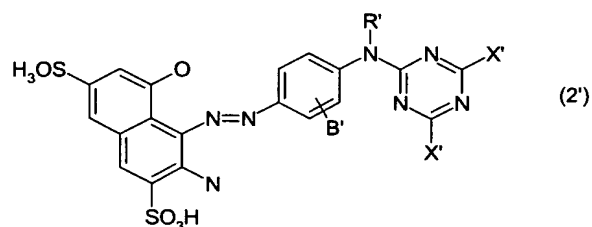


according to claim 1 comprising the steps of:

condensing a compound of the formula HN(R'')QN(R''')H with approximately one molar equivalent ~~[[s]]~~ of a compound of the Formula (2) to form a reaction product:



and ~~then reacting the reaction product of the compound of the Formula~~
~~HN(R'')QN(R''')H with the compound of the Formula (2) with a compound of~~
 Formula (2')



~~wherein B, B', Q, R, R', R'', R''', X and X' have the meaning as hereinabove defined.~~

7. (currently amended) A process of dyeing or printing or ink jet printing a hydroxy-group-containing or a nitrogen containing organic substrate[[s]], ~~wherein the dyeing or printing is effected with compounds according to any one of the claims 1 to 4, their salts or with mixtures thereof comprising the steps of:~~
providing a substrate containing a hydroxy group or a nitrogen group;
providing a compound or compounds of formula (1) according to claim 1
their salt or mixture thereof,
and
dyeing or printing or ink jet printing said substrate with said compound or
compounds, their salt or mixture thereof.

8. (currently amended) A process according to claim 7, ~~for dyeing or printing~~
wherein said hydroxy-group-containing or nitrogen containing organic
substrate is leather or a fibrous material[[s]], wherein the fibrous materials
comprises ~~which consist of or contain~~ natural or synthetic polyamides or
 natural or regenerated cellulose.

9. (currently amended) ~~A process~~ Process according to claim 7 ~~either of the~~
claims 7 or 8, for dyeing or printing or ink jet printing wherein the substrate is
a textile material, which consists of or contains comprising cotton.

10. (currently amended) A hydroxy ~~Hydroxy~~-group-containing or nitrogen containing substrate ~~substrates which are dyed or printed or ink jet printed in accordance with any of the claims 7 to 9 according to claim 7.~~
11. (cancelled)
12. (currently amended) An ink jet ink ~~Ink jet inks~~-comprising compounds according to claim 1 ~~any one of the claims 1 to 4~~, their salts or mixtures thereof.
13. (new) A compound according to claim 1, wherein the organic aliphatic linking group Q is a C₂₋₂₀-alkylene or a C₂₋₂₀-alkylenylene.
14. (new) A compound according to claim 1 wherein X and X' are Cl.
15. (new) A compound according to claim 1 wherein B and B' are -SO₃H and are ortho to the diazo bridge.